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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Minas T. Coroneo

Serial No.: 10/084,604

Filed: February 27, 2002

Title: Methods for Preventing Pressure  
Induced Apoptotic Neural Cell Death

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: To be determined

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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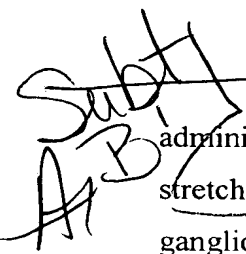
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 4-8.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

  
3. [Amended] A method for the treatment of glaucoma which comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment at least one compound which blocks stretch-activated channels of eye retinal ganglion cells or other pressure sensitive retinal ganglion cellular mechanisms so as to retinal ganglion cells from apoptotic cell death.